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Election of Councillors to Fill Casual Vacancies

THE Town Council will shortly take steps to fill several casual vacancies which have occurred in the membership of the Council.

Any organisation or individual desirous of nominating any person or persons to fill any of the vacancies is requested to send in writing the name, address and description of such person or persons to the undersigned on or before the 31st May, 1943.

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MENACE TO YOUNG LADS

AIRMAN SENT TO PRISON

"Men of your type are a menace to young lads," said the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) at Ramsgate police court, on Monday, in sentencing a 22-year-old airman to three months' imprisonment on a charge of indecently assaulting a boy of ten.

Defendant was Acm. Francis David Wright, of Gipton Wood-place, Leeds, and the offence with which he was charged took place at Manston village on 20th April.

Wright pleaded guilty and the circumstances of the case were related to the bench by C/I H. G. Butcher.

Between 8.15 and 8.30 p.m. on 20th April, said the chief inspector, two small boys aged ten and seven, living in the Manston district, were collecting rabbits' food when accused came along and asked them if they wanted some string. They said they did.

Wright then took them to a room, the walls of which were covered with pictures, including those of nude women. He put one of the boys on the bed and made some remarks about the pictures.

C/I Butcher then referred to certain incidents and said Wright told the boys not to tell anybody else what had happened as he would "get shot."

One of the boys told his mother about the offence the next morning and she reported the matter to the police. During the afternoon P/C Ebbsworth and D/C Hopper were in Manston village when they saw Wright and told him they were making enquiries concerning the offence. He replied "I am guilty. I don't know what made me do it as I go to church regularly."

Feeling Depressed.

In a statement made later to D/C Hopper accused admitted the offence and said "I lost control of myself. I have had a nervous breakdown and was feeling very depressed."

Defendant handed the bench a medical certificate from a Royal Air Force medical officer and another R.A.F. officer gave evidence of Wright's character, saying that he had a good record sheet up to the time of the offence.

D/C Hopper, called by defendant to give evidence on his behalf, said Wright was a native of Leeds and at the age of nine was knocked down by a car. This resulted in severe concussion which necessitated him being away from school for about a year. After leaving school he assisted his father, who was a clothing manufacturer at Leeds, and he volunteered for the R.A.F. in August, 1940. In January this year he was taken ill while on leave and entered a hospital in Yorkshire, being later transferred to the sick quarters at Manston. He was discharged as fit and given ten days' sick leave.

Announcing the decision of the magistrates, Mr. Perry made the remark quoted above and told Wright "You ought to know better at your age. Only the fact that you have admitted the offence has saved you from a more severe sentence. I hope during the time you are in prison that you will think about this sort of thing."

Signal Honour

FOR THANET HOME GUARD

In recognition of its outstanding efficiency, the 6th (Thanet) Batt., Kent Home Guard, has received a signal honour.

The third birthday of the formation of the Home Guard is being celebrated in all parts of the country on Sunday and the 6th Batt. has been asked to send four of its members to represent the whole of 12th Corps area at the big parade and review to be held in London.

The Thanet representatives will be Capt. W. T. Jarman, who in addition to commanding the 12th Corps contingent will also command the Canadian Corps (Britain) and contingents from Aldershot district, North Kent and Surrey area, C/S/M J. Dadds ("A" Coy.), Cpl. Shillston ("E" Coy.) and Pte. W. Hall ("D" Coy.).

The third anniversary parade of the Thanet battalion will be held at Ramsgate on Sunday.

The salute at the march past will be taken by Brig. F. Y. C. Knox, D.S.O., supported by naval, military and civic heads and will be followed by a demonstration of skill at arms.

Further details of the parade will be published in our Friday edition.

The 6th Batt. has been still further honoured by the inclusion of its commanding officer, Col. C. S. F. Witts, in an overseas broadcast entitled "We Also Serve," a special programme describing the work of the Home Guard since its formation, which was broadcast for the first time last night and is being repeated three times to-day and again on Friday.

The programme, written by Francis Dillon and produced by Douglas Cleverdon, is being radiated to the Pacific, Eastern African and North American stations.

Col. Witts attended the Grafton Studios for the recording on Sunday. Those taking part were the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Director-General of the Territorial Army, Viscount Lord Bridgman, and Home Guard officers from Scotland, Devon, the Midlands, Essex, London and Kent. Col. Witts had the honour of representing Kent.

NEW MEMBERS

MARGATE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Margate Town Council to-day is being asked to approve a recommendation of the Council in committee appointing three new members to the Council.

They are:

Mr. William Robert Frederick Avery (Marine Ward);

Mr. Claude Boucher Hosking (Salmestone Ward);

Mr. Reginald George Scott (Pier Ward).

Uncorroborated Evidence

BROADSTAIRS OLD AGE PENSIONER CHARGED

Two charges alleging indecency were preferred against a 73-year-old Broadstairs man at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

William Stephen Reader, old age pensioner, of Carlton-road, Broadstairs, was charged with indecently assaulting a seven-year-old girl at Broadstairs Recreation Ground and there was a further charge of indecent behaviour with intent to assault females.

When Reader was told by the Chairman (Mr. W. Tomlin) that the case would be dismissed as they could not convict on the uncorroborated evidence of a little girl, he declared "Thank you very much. You have discharged an innocent man."

"The least you say the better," commented the Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan).

Mr. Eric Weale, who prosecuted, said between 12 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th April, two girls, aged five and seven years, went into the Recreation Ground to pick buttercups and daisies. It was alleged that accused went up to them, told them he knew a place where there were a lot of buttercups, and took them round by the pavilion. There were no buttercups there, but according to the girls he asked them to sit on a seat, one on either side of him, and then committed the alleged offences.

Complained to Mothers.

Afterwards he said to them "Don't tell mummy," but both girls complained to their mothers when they went home. At an identification parade held at the police station a few days later the elder child picked out defendant from eight other men without any hesitation, but the younger girl was shy and would not even look at the men.

Both girls gave evidence and both pointed to defendant in the dock when asked if they could see the man who spoke to them in the Recreation Ground.

Reader remarked that he had never seen the girls before in his life.

Defendant's sister, with whom he lived, said her brother went out about 12.30 to go to the British Restaurant to dinner, returning about five minutes past four.

Arthur Tapply, of Clarendon-road, Broadstairs, groundsman at the Recreation Ground, said he saw defendant in the ground when he returned from dinner at 1.15 p.m. on 27th April.

D/C Self, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said in consequence of a complaint he saw defendant on his allotment in Cumberland-avenue on 1st May and told him he answered the description of a man wanted for alleged indecent offences. He replied "I am as innocent as a babe." At the police station he again denied being the person responsible, saying "I can't think what I did on Tuesday, but I know I was not on the Recreation Ground. I shall remember before the day is out." Shortly afterwards Reader said "I remember clearly now that I did not go in the Recreation Ground between 11 and 2 on Tuesday last."

Identification Parade.

In the afternoon, continued witness, an identification parade was conducted in the police station yard by Inspr. Hann. The youngest child was shy and would not look at the men. The other girl walked straight up to Reader without hesitation and touched his sleeve, saying "That's the man." When charged with the offences defendant said "I was not at the Recreation Ground on Tuesday. I did not see any little girls. I have nothing else to say."

Mr. Weale pointed out to the bench that in such cases there must be some corroboration of the complaint. The unsworn testimony of a child was not accepted as corroboration of the unsworn testimony of another child, and it would be for the bench to consider whether there was corroboration of the elder girl's story.

As stated, the case was dismissed.

Home Guard Social.—A model plane made and given by Cpl. H. Matthews realised £6 10s. for Wings for Victory Week when D (Ramsgate) Company of the Home Guard held another social and dance at Willson's-road Drill Hall on Saturday. Sgt. Sackett was M.C., and another £2 was raised for local prisoners of war. So far the Ramsgate Home Guard have sent 58 parcels of cigarettes to local prisoners.

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ROBBED HIS OWN METER

£5-A-WEEK BRICKLAYER FINED

A bricklayer who stole money from a gas meter at his flat and later complained to the police that the premises had been broken into appeared on a theft charge at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Sidney Arthur Goodwin, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate, pleaded guilty to stealing the sum of £8 11s. 4d. from the gas meter between 14th June, 1941, and 17th April, 1943.

C/I Butcher told the magistrates that at 7.30 p.m. on 30th April defendant called at the police station and complained that his flat in Hereson-road had been entered in his absence, the gas meter had been forced open and articles were missing from the shop below.

D/C Hopper and D/C Honey examined the premises and were unable to find any signs that they had been entered. They formed the conclusion that the meter had been interfered with previously. Defendant's attention was drawn to this fact and he said he had not been to the meter for some time.

Further enquiries were made by D/C Hopper, who ascertained that money had been stolen from the gas meter and when he again saw defendant at the police station he told him he was not satisfied with his story. Goodwin then said "I want to tell you I did it to help somebody else."

In a statement he said "I admit I broke open the gas meter and the electric light meter for the purpose of assisting somebody else. I am very sorry this has happened."

C/I Butcher told the bench that Goodwin also wished an offence of stealing £3 from an electric meter to be taken into consideration. "He has never been in trouble before," said the chief inspector, "and he is earning good money. It is most difficult to understand his act. This is a complete mystery."

Defendant said he would repay the money and told the bench his earnings were £5 4s. a week.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) told defendant he could have been sent to prison for the offence but the magistrates had decided to treat him leniently and impose a fine of £10. He was given two weeks in which to pay.

OFFICER DISMISSED

SEQUEL TO BROADSTAIRS COURT MARTIAL

An officer in the R.A.M.C. who alleged that he was the victim of Jewish persecution, Capt. William John Mitchell, who appeared before a court martial at Broadstairs last month on charges of conduct prejudicial to military discipline, has been dismissed from the service.

At the court martial it was alleged that Mitchell, at two public-houses in Margate, upheld Hitler's persecution of the Jews, proposed a toast to Sir Oswald Mosley and said that Mr. Churchill was not fit to be Prime Minister.

Mitchell declared that he had no recollection of having made the remarks.

UNFORTUNATE DISPUTE

RAMSGATE FAMILY'S DIFFERENCES

A dispute between the members of a Ramsgate family over the disposal of some furniture occupied the attention of his Honour Judge Clements for some hours at Margate County Court last week.

Frederick Walter Emptage, aged 80, of Bright's-place, Ramsgate, was sued by his son and daughter, Frederick W. Emptage and Laura Minnie Hawkins, as exors of their mother, Ada Minnie Emptage, for £49 3s., representing the value of the furniture sold, which they contended belonged to their mother.

Mr. A. R. Young appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. E. C. Allfree for respondent.

Mr. Young said the late Mrs. Emptage was married to respondent in 1891 and they lived for some years in a public-house at Ramsgate before going to live with Mrs. Emptage's mother at 23 Camden-road. The relations between respondent and his wife were not good and in 1919 respondent left and went to live elsewhere. He did not take any of the furniture with him. He did not contribute to the support of his wife until 1926, when she obtained a maintenance order against him in the police court. The wife maintained herself from 1919 by letting rooms to visitors in the summer, and in that way acquired money to buy more furniture.

In 1934 respondent applied to the magistrates for a reduction of the maintenance order on the ground that his wife was living in a house for which she did not have to pay rent, which was true, the house having been conveyed to them jointly.

New Lock Fitted.

In 1940 Mrs. Emptage was evacuated to an institution in Wales, where she died on 3rd September, 1941. When she was evacuated she left the key and the care of the house with her son, who was one of the plaintiffs. Shortly before Mrs. Emptage's death respondent approached his son and asked for the key in order that he might do some repairs to the roof of the house. He gave it to him and thought no more about the matter until he next visited the house and found that a new lock had been fitted and he could no longer get in.

On 16th September plaintiffs' solicitors wrote to respondent asking for the deeds of the house in order to settle the estate, but did not receive any reply. Some days later they wrote again stating that his son feared that he contemplated removing articles from the house. There was still no reply, and although further letters were sent they were not answered. Eventually plaintiffs heard that the furniture in the house had been sold.

Frederick Emptage, the co-plaintiff, said he did not receive any claim from his father for the furniture after his mother's death. Early in December last he heard that his father had sold the furniture. He had only seen his father when he passed him in the street, and since the death of his mother he had been very abusive.

In reply to Mr. Young, witness said the house belonged to his grandmother at the time his father left.

Furniture Identified.

Mrs. Elizabeth Todd, of Bright's-place, Ramsgate, a retired furniture dealer, said she knew the late Mrs. Emptage and saw her at auction sales. Examining a list of articles which it was alleged respondent had wrongfully disposed of, witness picked out a large number which she said she remembered Mrs. Emptage buying at sales after 1919. She had since recognised some of them at a sale at Ramsgate.

Mrs. Clara Impett, of Camden-road, Ramsgate, a sister of the late Mrs. Emptage, and Mrs. Ann Emptage, wife of the co-plaintiff, also identified certain items in the list of furniture as having been acquired by Mrs. Emptage after her husband left.

Mr. Allfree said the defence was that every single item of furniture claimed had always been the property of respondent. He was married 50 years ago, being a wheelwright by trade, and for some time was licensee of the Foresters' Arms public-house, Boundary-road, Ramsgate. The time came when the house at 23 Camden-road was for sale, and respondent and his wife attended the sale and bought it. Respondent had it conveyed to himself and his wife jointly in 1921. It was bought with the assistance of an advance from a building society, which had long since been paid off.

Not long after the purchase respondent found he could not continue to live with his wife and went into lodgings, arranging for his wife to live in the house rent free and have the use of all the furniture. He considered she would then be able to make sufficient to live on by letting. When the maintenance order of 15s. a week was made he paid it regularly for many years, until he became old and unable to work. The amount of the order was then reduced to a shilling in view of the fact that the wife had the house and furniture.

Got In Through Window.

He did not know of his wife's death until one day he met his son. He had gone to the house to repair the roof and found his son had got in through the window. The son or someone on his behalf had been to the house before and removed many articles, such as crockery, and as they belonged to him he decided that he must lock the place up and arrange for the sale of the furniture. They were eventually sold at an auction room.

Giving evidence, respondent said all the articles he removed from the house were there at the time he left his wife, he having bought them himself "by hard work." He said he was not separated from his wife until after the house was bought in 1921.

Giving judgment, his Honour, said it was a very unfortunate dispute. He could not accept respondent's statement that all the articles belonged to him. It was obvious that from time to time there must be renewals. On the other side, there was the evidence of three witnesses in regard to definite items of furniture which Mrs. Emptage acquired. Though it was a long time ago, he felt constrained to accept Mrs. Todd's evidence because she was in the furniture trade. Mrs. Todd impressed him as a person who could be reasonably relied upon. It had been proved to his satisfaction that certain articles to the value of £22 7s. belonged to the late Mrs. Emptage. There was no direct evidence in regard to the other items, and therefore there would be judgment for plaintiffs for £22 7s., with costs.

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SERGT. KILLED

AT BROADSTAIRS BOMB DEMONSTRATION

The view that his death was due to an error of judgment on his part was expressed by the Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest at Margate on Saturday on Sgt. William Edward Mortimer, a married man, aged 29, who was fatally injured while giving a bomb demonstration to a party of soldiers at Broadstairs.

As a result of the accident Lt. Misseldine was seriously injured.

Sgt. Frank Walter Roberton said he was present when Sgt. Mortimer was giving a demonstration of a gun cotton bomb. He placed the gun cotton in a hole near the bottom of a trench, with a fuse eight or nine inches long, and covered the cotton with tufts of grass. The other men went to a trench 25 yards away. When Mortimer had lit the fuse with a match, he and Lt. Misseldine, who was in the trench with him, moved away along the trench. Witness was on top of the trench. After a few seconds the fuse stopped smoking, and witness presumed that Mortimer thought it was damp and had gone out, for he went back to it. As he stooped down to look into the hole there was an explosion. Lt. Misseldine, who was not far away, was injured as well as Mortimer.

P/C Williams said he saw Lt. Misseldine in hospital and took a statement from him which confirmed the evidence of the witnesses.

Recording a verdict of "Accidental death," the Coroner said he thought the surmise of Sgt. Roberton that deceased thought the fuse was damp and had gone out was correct. It seemed to him, however, that it would have been wise to wait at least twice, if not three times the length of time it would normally take for the fuse to burn through before going to investigate.

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The deputation included the Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford) and the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove).

The four main points of a memoranda presented by the deputation were:

(1) That the Government should use their best endeavours to restore the property of local authorities in health and pleasure resorts to them at the very earliest date following the cessation of hostilities;

(2) That they should either have the work of restitution, renovation and repair carried out themselves at a very early date, or give the local authorities concerned facilities for doing so;

(3) That they should release all available private property in health and pleasure resorts at the earliest possible date;

(4) That they should give to the owners of such property early and adequate grants of money and facilities for obtaining labour and material to restore their premises to a condition in which the trade of entertaining visitors could be recommenced.

Mr. H. Symon, one of the assistant secretaries of the Ministry, referred to the wide and complex nature of the matter and promised that a memorandum setting out all the points that had been raised would be placed before the Minister. He stated that a survey of the various areas would be commenced immediately in order to see what could be done and the rehabilitation that would be necessary to restore the variously affected resorts to their pre-war capacity.

On the question of priorities, he said the Minister had already made it clear that the repair and restoration of residential property must be accorded the highest priority. Holiday resorts were certainly related to the health of the people and as Minister he had a direct interest in that matter. Mr. Symon said he thought the health resorts would be given high priority in the release of building materials and labour, and that the Minister would help in securing that release.

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British merchant ships are proud of their English Channel record.

They go up and down the Channel with clock-like regularity, yet in spite of mines, bombs, E-boats, enemy aircraft and coastal guns, less than one in every 200 ships constantly passing through have been sunk since the outbreak of war.

This is remarkable, since these convoys pass as close to an enemy coast as any other regular shipping route in the world to-day, and often, in the Straits of Dover, they are bombarded by the enemy big guns.

They are the only British convoys which have to face shore based guns, but, though thousands of rounds have been fired at them, the damage inflicted has been very slight.

Enemy aircraft, after being driven off from hit-and-run raids on coastal towns, often seek revenge on the convoys. They always meet with a warm reception and it is not only the guns of the escorts which bring them down, for the merchant ships do their share.

"Each week, on one direction only, nearly 70,000 tons of shipping goes through the Channel," said the Naval Control Service Officer at a south coast port (Cmdr. J. B. Mein, R.N.). This is equal to the Sharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen together. Yet the German ships had to rush through the Channel at high speed, in murky weather, and under an umbrella of hundreds of fighters.

"Our ships jog along at the usual convoy speed, and some skippers have been doing the run ever since the war began."

While the Germans risk only occasional timid dashes under cover of darkness, from one port to the next, our ships, most of them under 1,000 tons, come and go with their escorts, by day and night.

C.D. SERVICES AFTER THE WAR

MAY GIVE RELIEF IN OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

That for some time after the war Civil Defence services may be helping in various ways to place the country on a satisfactory peace-time footing, and that many of the personnel may be rendering valuable assistance in the relieved occupied countries, were points from a speech on Wednesday by Mr. A. G. Bottomley, O.B.E., Deputy Regional Commissioner.

Mr. Bottomley was addressing the annual meeting of the British Red Cross Society, Sussex branch, of which Gwendolen, Duchess of Norfolk, is president, on "Civil Defence Services."

Mr. Bottomley said that in this country the services constitute the fourth arm of defence, and must always be kept up to a very high standard to meet an unexpected attack. Much of the training should be put to good use in days of peace, for the widespread knowledge gained by the study of first-aid and nursing had undoubtedly been a factor in the maintenance of the remarkably good health enjoyed by the majority of people in war-time conditions.

Mr. Bottomley said that before the war the first aid hut was found on a dangerous corner where accidents were likely to occur. But provision for treatment of civilian casualties in air raids made it necessary to place first-aid posts in suitable centres of population.

After the war the first-aid post should no longer be a place exclusively for the treatment of injuries. Parents and children should be encouraged to regard the first-aid post as a centre where advice and help could be sought on matters of health and hygiene.

Such posts would be key positions in the war against dirt and disease, which could have no place in the peaceful world to which we look forward at the end of the present grim and bitter struggle.

C.D. SERVICES PRAISED

The efficiency of the Civil Defence Service of a south-east coast town recently subjected to an enemy air raid has brought commendation from the Senior Regional Officer concerned, who, in a letter to the local Council, praises the keen spirit displayed by the members of the service and extends his congratulations to all concerned.

"If this state continues, which I have no reason to doubt," states the Senior Regional Officer, "there is no question that your C.D. services will deal in a prompt and efficient manner with any incidents which may arise in the future, and that their efficiency and spirit does much to ensure the maintenance of public morale."

Such an expression of appreciation reflects great credit on the training officers and the official recognition is valued by the whole of the personnel.

RAMSGATE MARINE A PRISONER

Posted as missing just over a year ago, Mne. Percy George Edward Back, Royal Marines, son of Mrs. A. Back, of 6 St. Andrew's-road, Ramsgate, is now known to be a prisoner in Japanese hands.

Thirty eight years of age, he is an old boy of Holy Trinity School and joined the Marines at the age of 17.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Calling Ramsgate The B.B.C's "Cairo Calling" programme on Sunday brought the voice of Cpl. Ronald Frederick Cox, R.A.F., to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cox, of 42 St. Andrew's-road, Ramsgate. Ron, who is now in North Africa, sent the following message: "Hullo, mum and dad. I expect you will be very surprised to hear my voice coming over the air. I am well and happy and receiving your mail O.K." Now 22 years old, Ron joined the Royal Air Force as a volunteer when he was just 19 and went abroad nine months later. He is an old boy of Hereson School and, until entering the service, worked for his father at his grocery store in Plains of Waterloo.

Two other sons are with the forces. Albert, aged 26, who was educated at Holy Trinity School, volunteered for the R.A.S.C. a month after the war broke out and is now in North Africa with the rank of corporal. In peacetime he was employed at a hardware stores in London. By a curious coincidence Ron and Albert have met on two occasions while in the Middle East. The eldest son, William, aged 31, is still in this country as a tank driver in the Royal Armoured Corps. Their father, who fought in the last war, is a member of the Ramsgate company of the Home Guard.

Meetings in Middle East The Mason family of 8 Poplar-road, Ramsgate, have been well-known in the cinema business in the town. Now they are doing their bit in a sterner job, for two of the sons are serving in the Royal Artillery, one is a war reserve policeman, and a daughter is a member of the A.T.S.

Twenty-eight years old, Henry Mason, an old boy of Christ Church School, was a Ramsgate Territorial and was called up just before the outbreak of war. He sailed for the Middle East in July, 1941, and is now out there on radio location work. Some time ago he had the job of driving a padre and discovered that his passenger was the Rev. W. A. Cross, a former curate of Christ Church, Ramsgate, reference to whom appears below. By a stroke of chance he met his brother-in-law, Dvr. Leslie Nethersole, whose wife was formerly Miss Hilda Mason, and they managed to make whoopee for a couple of hours before parting.

Leslie is on transport work with the R.A.S.C. and he and Sgt. Mason went out in the same convoy although they did not know until their chance meeting. Now in North Africa, Dvr. Nethersole is 27 years old and an old boy of Lillian-road School. His home is at 25 Sydney-road, Ramsgate. Sgt. Mason has spent some time in Palestine and much of the scenery there reminds him of England. He has also met Norman Perkins, formerly of St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate.

Chums in Orkneys Serving in a very different locality from that of his brother is L/Bdr. Albert Mason, R.A., also a Territorial before the war, who is at present stationed in the Orkneys. Albert is 22 and he also received his education at Christ Church School. A colleague in the same battery as himself is L/Bdr. William Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, of 87 Prestedge-avenue, Ramsgate, who is the same age as his chum and an old boy of St. Lawrence School. They came home on ten days' leave together last week. L/Bdr. Walker joined the Terriers in May, 1939, and has been with the Royal Artillery since just before the war. Another Ramsgate pal stationed with him is Sgt. Victor Denne, of 47 Alexandra-road, a well-known member of St. Luke's Club.

Mr. Joe Mason, Mrs. Mason's eldest son, is in the police war reserve at Ramsgate, and one of his sisters, Kathleen, formerly an usherette at the Odeon Cinema and prior to that at the King's Theatre, is now doing clerical work in the A.T.S. She is 24 and was a pupil at Christ Church School.

Joe, Henry, Albert and Hilda were all formerly on the staffs of the cinemas controlled by Balexcro Theatres.

8 Days in Open Boat Mrs. Mason also has two other sons-in-law serving in the Royal Air Force. Sgt. Hubert Tyrrell, married to Miss Daisy Mason, had his training in Canada and, as he was returning from that country his ship was torpedoed and he spent eight days and nights on the water in an open boat before being picked up. Mrs. Tyrrell is now living at Barry, South Wales. The other son-in-law is Flt.-Sgt. (acting W/O) Thomas Ginn, husband of Miss Florence Mason, and he is now with the R.A.F. in Malta, his wife residing in London.

Twelve years ago Mrs. Mason lost her husband, Mr. Joseph Mason, who fought in the Boer War and the last war.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces, so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Fireman's Farewell Ramsgate men in the building trade who have recently been called up include Mr. A. E. Jones, of Queen Bertha-road, who was shop carpenter for Mr. J. B. Sharman. Before leaving for Army service, Ted, as he is familiarly known, was presented by his carpenter colleagues with an inscribed lighter, pipe and pouch, as a mark of his popularity. Mr. D. Mynheer made the presentation at the Admiral Fox. Ted was a prominent part-time member of the N.F.S. in Ramsgate and only the day before being called up received promotion to section leader. He was actively interested in the firemen's war savings group.

Second Honour P/O Charles William Knight, R.N., son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. C. Knight, of 56 Belmont-road, Westgate, who received the Distinguished Service Medal a year ago, has now been mentioned in despatches. He gained his medal for distinguished services when H.M.S. Pelican was torpedoed off Norway in March, 1940. He was in hospital for some time after arriving back in England and later was aboard another ship damaged by a torpedo. P/O Knight is 41 years old and has been at sea for over 25 years. His wife formerly lived at Vicarage-place, Margate, but moved to Camberwell at the beginning of the war.

Local Boy in R.C.A.F. An old St. Georgian who came to this country from Nova Scotia seven years ago is training as an air-gunner with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He is Acm. Arthur Wilson, youngest son of Mrs. D. Wilson, of 7 Elms-avenue, Ramsgate. Completing his education at St. George's Central School, Arthur, who will be 19 in June, was afterwards employed by Messrs. George Fuggles and Co. Ltd., jewellers, of High-street, Ramsgate. He volunteered for service in the R.A.F. in June last year and was later transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force. Until spending a recent leave in Ramsgate he was stationed in the west of England but went to Scotland on being accepted for aircrew training.

His brother, Emerson Wilson, aged 23, an old scholar of St. George's and Chatham House, is serving as a corporal in the Canadian Army, to which he was transferred from the Royal Artillery. He is married and in peace-time worked in the offices of a London electric supply company.

J.P.'s Son a Navigator After training as a navigator in South Africa, Sgt.-Obs. Thomas Alfred Cave, R.A.F., of 20 Bradley-road, Ramsgate, has returned to England and is now taking a course in the north. An old Chatham House School boy, Thomas is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cave and his father, employed in the parcels office at Ramsgate railway station, is a member of the Ramsgate bench and served in the Royal West Kents in the last war. Sgt.-Obs. Cave is 21 years old and before joining the Royal Air Force was employed as a railway clerk at Grove Park. Like the rest of the men who have been to South Africa, he was very hospitably entertained out there.

Chaplain's Promotion Parishioners of Christ Church, Ramsgate, will remember the Rev. W. A. Cross, who was curate there for a period before the outbreak of war, when he joined the forces. Mr. Cross, after "moving up" from Egypt, has now been promoted a senior chaplain in North Africa. In an airgraph to the Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. P. M. Townend) he says "We now see little of the desert and are in beautiful country, in fact it is a sort of paradise." Mr. Cross has met R/S/M Harold Bingham, formerly a member of Christ Church choir.

Choristers in Forces News comes also from other choirboys of Christ Church, including Ldg.-Acm. Ronald Bath, R.A.F., who is working at a permanent transit camp in the Middle East. He is a son of Mrs. Bath, of 51 Vale-road, and writing to Mr. Townend mentions that he has met Cpl. Jim ("Ginger") Shannon, who was the first member of the children's church at Christ Church. Ron is a member of a service concert party and his brother Bert, another chorister, has returned to this country after receiving his "wings" as sergeant-pilot on his 21st birthday. Ted Bath is now an official at a boys' remand home in Middlesex and Mrs. Bath has lost two other sons, Jack and Reg, in this war.

Walter Harvey, who was at one time top choirboy at Christ Church and whose voice has been recorded by a famous gramophone company, is serving with the Grenadier Guards. Son of Mr. P. P. Harvey, formerly of Vale-square and now engaged on munition work in the Midlands, Walter writes to say "We have been very busy chasing Jerry and hope to be in Tunis soon."

Postmaster's Son in R.N. Only son of Mr. W. Edis, M.B.E., head postmaster of Ramsgate, A/B Noel Edis is now at a shore station in the Mediterranean. Noel, who celebrated his 20th birthday last Christmas, began his education at Hunts County Secondary School, Fletton, Peterborough, and finished it at Chatham House School. He joined the Royal Navy in August, 1941, shortly after leaving school, and went overseas the following December. Among the places at which he has been stationed is Tobruk and early this year he had a spell in hospital, followed by six weeks convalescence.

A.T.C. Lose Three N.C.Os An old St. Georgian who is a keen boxer, runner and footballer, Flt.-Sgt. Ronald Bushell, of the Thanet Squadron, A.T.C., has just joined the Royal Air Force. A son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bushell, of 1 Walter's Hall-cottages, Monkton, he is going on a preliminary aircrew training course. Ron joined the "C" (Ramsgate) Flight of the squadron when it was formed in 1941 and on being transferred to the Minster Flight last year he became the first flight-sergeant. Boxing for the cadets on four occasions, he has also represented the squadron in the Kent A.T.C. sports at Maidstone.

Two other flight-sergeants of the squadron who have joined the R.A.F. are Ernest Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lawrence, of Dairy-cottage, Queen Elizabeth-avenue, Margate, and Charles Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker, of 3 Addington-street, Margate.

Four Men "Mentioned" For gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East during the period November, 1941, to April, 1942, four men of the Margate anti-aircraft battery of the Royal Artillery have been "mentioned" in the "London Gazette." They are Sgts. J. J. Hermitage, R. H. Larkins and P. A. Rye and Gnr. F. W. Pearce. In the winter of 1941-42 the battery was besieged at Tobruk and was a constant target for enemy bombers until being relieved by the advance of the Eighth Army. Sgt. Hermitage is an Old Ruymian and his youngest brother, Pte. Donald Hermitage, was taken prisoner in France in 1940.

AN OLD SALT

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES OF MR. W. C. LARKINS

One of Ramsgate's old salts, Mr. William Charles Larkins received the congratulations of many friends when he celebrated his 83rd birthday on Friday.

In spite of his advanced years, Mr. Larkins is a picture of health and none would guess his real age, yet it was as long ago as 1878 that he began his apprenticeship on the sea.

Born at Deal, Mr. Larkins was the son of a seaman who sailed in the old tea clippers and rounded Cape Horn when he was only 13 years old. Mr. Larkins used to accompany his father when he piloted vessels through the Downs, and he can remember, as a boy, seeing the famous Great Eastern towed through those waters.

Entering his apprenticeship in 18[illegible] at Whitstable, Mr. Larkins shipped in the brigantine Star of the Ocean, which was owned by Mr. F. W. Fairbrass, a Canterbury man. When he had served his time Mr. Larkins was in another American-built brigantine called the Willie, which sailed from Tyneside to Queenborough with coal for the gas works.

After two years on the Willie he joined the schooner Flirt and did many trips in her, carrying pitch from Rye to Caen, France.

It was another seaman's misfortune that brought Mr. Larkins to Ramsgate. Returning to Whitstable in the Flirt in 1888, he met Capt. Ashby, of the Old Goody, a brigantine collier employed by Messrs. J. Perry and Co., of Ramsgate. Mr. Albert East, mate of the vessel, was on the sick list and Capt. Ashby needed a man urgently to take his place. Mr. Larkins took the job and from then on worked on vessels operating from Ramsgate.

Two Ships Sunk.

It is interesting to recall that Mr. East, on recovering, went as skipper on the collier Glance. Soon after his appointment the Glance collided with the Glide, another Ramsgate vessel, skippered by Capt. Eastland, during a snowstorm off the North Foreland, and both ships were sunk, although fortunately the crews were able to take to the boats and landed safely at Ramsgate harbour.

After serving in the Old Goody for three years, Mr. Larkins had a spell ashore but later worked on barges and on the schooner Cautious, which was steered by a tiller. From the Cautious he transferred to the Edna, a brigantine, in 1893, and left her in 1897 to take up shore work.

At that time he helped to build one of the gasometers at Ramsgate gas works and to instal a new set of pumps at the Whitehall water works. He was also engaged on the task of building the present gates between the inner and outer basins of the harbour.

Three weeks before that job was finished in 1901 Mr. Larkins was appointed fore-winch driver on the then new dredger Hope, the first skipper of which was the late Mr. Sam Ambrose, with Mr. Ted Dawes as mate. Mr. Larkins left the dredger in 1916 to work on the barge Royal George, but he returned to the Hope in the following years and was employed on her until 1929.

From 1932 until the outbreak of war Mr. Larkins was well-known to visitors and residents as the cheery old shoe-black by the East Cliff lift.

He now lives at 19 Hibernia-street, but resided for many years in Alma-place. Mr. Larkins lost his wife 40 years ago.

TO BE POSTMASTER

MR. G. E. HUMPHRIES' APPOINTMENT

The frequency with which members of the staff are transferred to important posts in other districts is evidence of the efficiency of Ramsgate Post Office. Within the past 14 months three of them have been promoted to a postmastership.

The third of these appointments, which has just been announced, is that of Mr. George Edwin Humphries, of Chez Lierre, Dumpton Park-drive, Ramsgate, as postmaster at Chislehurst, Kent. He expects to leave the town for his new duties within the next few weeks.

Mr. Humphries began his career as a messenger in the south-west district office in June, 1910, and became an assistant postman in December, 1913. Appointed a telegraphist in the central telegraph office in April, 1915, he went to Exeter in July, 1918, as sorting clerk and telegraphist and was transferred to a similar position at Guildford in February, 1920, carrying out the same duties when he came to Ramsgate in December, 1925.

A Territorial before the last war, Mr. Humphries served with the Royal Artillery from August, 1914, until being discharged wounded in 1917. He fought in France from February, 1915, until the end of 1916, and gained the Military Medal.

Mr. Humphries took an active part in the sporting events run by the Ramsgate office some years ago and he has always been keenly interested in radio experimenting, at one time holding a transmitting license.

He has two sons and one daughter, Doreen, who is employed by the War Department of America in this country.

The two other appointments to postmasterships in the past 14 months have been those of Mr. L. W. O. Smith to Birchington in February, 1942, and Mr. H. E. Mirams to Plympton, Devon, last month.

SUPERANNUATION FUND DEFICIENCY

ADDITIONAL BURDEN TO BE MET

The actuarial valuation of Ramsgate Corporation Superannuation Fund has revealed that on 31st March, 1942, there was a deficiency of £16,414.

In order to liquidate the deficiency the Council propose, in addition to any other sums payable by them under the Local Government Superannuation Act of 1937, to pay into the fund an annual amount of £739 for a period of 40 years from 1st April, 1942.

The deficiency is mainly due to increases in wages granted to workmen and to a less extent the clerical staff during the past two years and to the fact that during the preceding five years the amount in the fund did not earn the rate of interest assumed by the actuary when making his previous report in 1937.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Births and Deaths.—During March four boys and seven girls were born in Ramsgate. In the same period the deaths were registered of five males and five females.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Post-War Development.—The Housing and Town Planning Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have been asked to consider and report on all aspects of post-war rehabilitation and development in the borough, including the future provision of houses for the working classes.

Petrol Officer.—Ramsgate Town Council have appointed the Deputy Surveyor (Mr. H. S. Hole) as Petrol Officer to carry out the requirements of the Ministry of Fuel and Power in connection with the issue of motor fuel from the Corporation's bulk supplies.

Medical Officer's Deferment.—The Central Medical War Committee, after considering representations made by Ramsgate Town Council, have decided to defer consideration for a further 12 months of the position in relation to recruitment of Dr. J. V. Walker, Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health.

Civil Defence Club License.—On the recommendation of the Civil Defence Committee, Ramsgate Town Council have refused the application of the Civil Defence Club for permission to take the necessary steps to obtain a license to sell intoxicating liquors at club headquarters at Wellstood House.

Committee Appointments.—Owing to recent ill-health, Alderman T. W. Mockridge has resigned from the Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council and as the Council's representative on the Thanet and District Assessment Committee and the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board. The vacancy on the Civil Defence Committee has been filled by the appointment of Councillor D. J. R. Smith, and Alderman R. J. Mallam and Councillor Mrs. Nicholson have been appointed to the Assessment Committee and Hospital Board respectively.

MINSTER

Church Offerings.—April collections at Minster Parish Church amounted to £23 10s. 11d., of which £8 0s. 9d. formed the Easter offering to the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael). A sum of £3 7s. 6d. was devoted to the Waifs and Strays Society.

More Shelters Wanted.—The Kent Education Committee are being asked by Minster Parish Council to provide more air raid shelter accommodation at Minster School. At the present time some children of school age are unable to attend owing to the restricted shelter accommodation.

Councillor Resigns.—Minster Parish Council have decided to send a letter of appreciation of his services to Mr. G. Harlow, who has resigned from the Council after 30 years' service. Councillor G. M. Norton has been nominated to succeed Mr. W. Loveday as one of the Council's representatives on Eastry Rural District Council.

Whist for Y.M.C.A.—Major W. Howard was M.C. at a whist drive held by the Minster War Comforts Fund Committee in aid of the Y.M.C.A. at the Parish Hall on Wednesday. Fourteen tables were in play, the sum of £1 9s. 2d. was raised, and the winners were Miss Minnitt, Mr. J. G. Farr, Mr. T. R. Fright, Mr. Compton, Mrs. Farbrace, Mr. C. Gunn and Mr. F. Dallinger.

The Fountain.—It will be recalled that at their last meeting Minster Parish Council decided to remove the diamond jubilee fountain and horse trough from Church-street to the Recreation Ground. When the Council met on Tuesday the Clerk (Mr. R. C. Young) said he had been informed by Eastry Rural District Council that as the fountain and trough had been erected by public subscription they could not be removed without the consent of a parish meeting. Special permission would also be required from the Ministry of Health if the cost of removal was to be borne by the rates. The Council decided to inform Eastry Council that the fountain was unsafe following damage caused by a collision and to ask who was responsible for repairing it.

MR. WALTER LOVEDAY

RESIGNATION FROM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

After nearly 20 years continuous service as a district councillor, Mr. Walter Loveday, now in his 80th year, has resigned his position as one of Minster's representatives on the Eastry Rural District Council.

Mr. Loveday feels that he is not now capable of carrying on all his many activities on behalf of the village.

Appointed a teacher at Minster National School in 1885, Mr. Loveday was elected a member of the Parish Council in 1897. He served for five years. When he retired from the teaching profession in 1924 he was elected to the old Isle of Thanet Rural District Council and the Thanet Board of Guardians. When Minster came under Eastry in 1935 and the Rural District Council was disbanded Mr. Loveday was appointed one of the Minster representatives on Eastry Rural District Council.

For the past four years he has been chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council.

In 1938 Mr. Loveday was again elected a member of Minster Parish Council. He was appointed chairman soon afterwards and retired in 1940.

Mr. Loveday has many other interests. He became assistant secretary of Minster and Monkton flower show in 1896 and has been secretary since the last war. He is chairman and secretary of the Parish Hall Committee and for 50 years has been prominently associated with the Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Oddfellows. He helped to inaugurate the St. Mildred's Lodge and in 1937 was secretary of the Canterbury District. Following his resignation in 1938 he became a district trustee.

4th (THANET) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer, Capt. H. D. Rose.
Bn. H.Q., 27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.
Orders for the week commencing 9th May.
Part I parades.
To-day, 11th—Broadstairs Platoon, 18.30 hours. A and C Companies at 19.00 hours. Training according to programme.
Wednesday, 12th—A and B Companies, 19.00 hours. Training according to programme.
Thursday, 13th—Broadstairs Platoon, 18.30 hours. C Company, 19.00 hours. Training according to programme.
T. Wells, Lieut. T.A.R.O.
Adjt., for Commanding Officer.

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BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Wings for Victory Week calls for a shorter Scout column in a splendid cause, and needs no apology for brevity.

Our big association event has been the St. George's Day celebration and commemoration of our founder. The service at St. Lawrence Church was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Roundhill. The 4th, 5th, 7th and 10th Ramsgate Troops, the 5th, 7th and 10th Cub Packs, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 11th Girl Guide Companies, the 3rd and 4th Brownie Packs, and the Ramsgate Rangers attended the service, and also a good number of parents. The two readings, the founder's message, the Scout Law and Cub Law, were all read by representative Scout, Ranger, Cub and Old Scout—Scouts Page, Bushell, Ranger E. Ludford, Miss J. Card, C.M., and Sgt.-Major Warren, A.E.C. The District Commissioner led the renewal of the Promise, and the Vicar gave an inspiring address which all will long remember.

The Minster Scouts will hold their commemoration service on the 16th May at St. Mary's and this will take the form which is being universally used throughout the country, and the Rev. A. W. MacMichael will conduct the service.

One Ramsgate patrol leader is attending the county training camp at Sundridge Park, Bromley, Kent, next week-end. He has already been to those at Eastry, Tovil and Bishopsbourne—a record of keenness.

On 4th and 18th June (Fridays) there will be a joint Scout and Guide cooking training gathering, open to all Scouts and Guides from this association. The Scouts will do the pioneering part and the Guides the cooking demonstration. They are from 7.15 to 8.30 on each evening. It will be the first joint training event and should prove both instructive and jolly. At Inglewood, St. Lawrence. Uniform to be worn. The event has been arranged for setting a standard of good cooking for ordinary hikes and camping and also with the object of having some trained Scouts and Guides in the event of a blitz. Time counts for National Service badges for Scouts.

Easter was spent in a variety of ways. The 5th Ramsgate were on a visit to London—one thrill being the sight of the city from St. Paul's dome, and also the whispering gallery inside. The 7th Ramsgate were loaned the log cabin H.Q. of the Bishopsbourne Troop, while the 10th Ramsgate (1st St. Lawrence) were out hiking in their patrols for the week-end.

Those of us who remembered Mr. Eric Summers, the Scouter of the Ashford Grammar School Troop, when we camped together at the Hungarian Jamboree, will congratulate him on being made Assistant District Commissioner for Ashford.

The "Ronalds" must have something artistic in the blood. Among the badges gained this month are two Artists badges won by Ronald Bushell (10th Ramsgate) and Ronald Farley (5th). Well done, the "Ronalds." Examiner, Mr. Chas. Armstrong.

C.F.W.

NEW POLICE CLUB

OPENED AT RAMSGATE

The Ramsgate Division, Kent County Constabulary, Athletic Club was formally opened by its president, Asst. Chief Constable W. Palmer, on Friday.

Housed at the top of Ramsgate police station, the club is well equipped in its two large rooms. The billiard-room is tastefully furnished and decorated, while table tennis and other games which were formerly played here have been installed in the other room, which will be suitably renovated in due course.

The president was accompanied by Mrs. Palmer, and others present included the vice-president (Mr. W. W. Lance Almond, commandant of the special constabulary), C/I and Mrs. Butcher and C/I Fleet.

Introducing Mr. Palmer, C/I Butcher said their president was no stranger to the town and he had shown a great interest in the old Ramsgate Police Club, which was disbanded recently. The members of the old club had worked night and day to formulate the new organisation and transfer equipment from the police canteen in Harbour-street to the police station.

C/I Butcher said the club's activities would include all kinds of outdoor and indoor sport and it was hoped in the near future to resume competitions with other forces in Thanet.

In opening the club Mr. Palmer recalled his happy associations with the old club, and said he would do all in his power to assist their activities.

He was thanked for performing the ceremony by Mr. Lance Almond.

During the evening a flying billiards tournament provided good sport and was won by P/C Ashby. The other semi-finalists were P/S Ticehurst, W/R Skinner and S/C/I S. E. Austin. Mrs. Palmer presented the prizes.

Others enjoyed themselves playing table tennis, darts, crib, etc., and Mr. Palmer spent the evening in a game of chess with T/P/S Goatman.

Refreshments were served by members of the W.A.P.C.

Black-out To-day 10.12 p.m.—5.29 a.m.

MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

COAL SUPPLIES DURING APRIL MAY & JUNE

NOTICE TO ALL OCCUPIERS

of premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1942 (except Hospitals and Schools, which are not carried on for purposes of gain).

Group 1. COAL (other than those grades mentioned below).

Except by licence, supplies to any controlled premises may not exceed 1 ton during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the stock of this fuel at any premises above 2 tons.

Group 2. COKE of sizes not exceeding 1¼in., Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes not exceeding 1¼in., Kent dry steam coal of all sizes and all manufactured fuels.

Except by licence, supplies to any premises of fuels in this group may not exceed a total of 1 ton **per month** and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the total stock of these fuels at any premises above 4 tons.

Fuels in this group may be acquired **in addition to** those under Group 1.

The following fuels are not subject to any restrictions as to quantity:

(a) coke, anthracite, and Welsh dry steam coal of larger sizes than those in Group 2.

(b) coke breeze, anthracite duff, washery slurry and bituminous fines not exceeding one-eighth of an inch.

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer, it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed the quantities specified or to obtain any of these fuels otherwise than from your registered supplier.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises depends on the state of local supply.

Consumers whose requirements justify the holding of larger stocks are invited to apply for licences for stocking, during the summer, such quantities as will meet their reasonable winter requirements. Enquiries should be addressed to the Local Fuel Overseers at:

Ramsgate—	Margate, Westgate & Birchington—	Eastry and District—	Broadstairs and St. Peter's—
R. D. Brimmell, Clarendon House, Ramsgate.	P. T. Grove, Royal School, Victoria Road, Margate.	Fred A. Cloke, St. Albans Court, Nonington, Nr. Dover.	S. W. Richardson, 134 High Street, Broadstairs.

SAVE FUEL AND KEEP UP YOUR STOCK

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Information has been received that Sgt. Percy Bevan, King Edward's Horse, of the Central Hotel, Ramsgate, has received the Military Medal for gallantry and great devotion to duty in carrying messages to his troop leaders under fire. He enlisted in November, 1914, went to France the following August and has also served in Italy. Before the war Sgt. Bevan was a keen boxer and achieved many successes, notably in July, 1908, at the London Stadium, where he won the light-weight championship.

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About 120 painters employed by private firms in Thanet have gone on strike for more wages. The painters in the district were receiving 6d. per hour at the end of 1914. The rate has since been increased to 8d. and the employers have now agreed to grant a further rise to 9d., but the men are demanding 1s. 1d.

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The Military Medal has been awarded to Cpl. R. W. Cripps, R.E., of 12 Church-road, Ramsgate, for repairing telephone lines under heavy fire.

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Among those recently mentioned in despatches is C/P/O E. S. Oak-Rhind, of Lindenthorpe, Broadstairs, a prominent member of the Conservative Party in Thanet. The mention is for zeal and devotion to duty during the period from 1st July to 31st December, 1917.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTED

Ramsgate is so much regarded simply in the light of a seaside resort that people are sometimes apt to forget that there is a strong commercial element in the community. Compared to towns of similar size, Ramsgate shows up well in business undertakings but it must be admitted that there is still something wanting. Isolated effort is all very well in its way but union is better, and to give trade the proper impetus the commercial interests of the place must be welded together. It will, of course, be realised that this can only be done by having a Chamber of Commerce. At present the nearest approach to this is the Trade Protection Society, the operations of which have been ably superintended for a number of years by Mr. J. W. Scarlett. It goes without saying that this society has served, and is still serving, a very useful purpose, but greater powers and scope are required to enable it to cope with all the commercial exigencies of the time. Why not make the Trade Protection Society the nucleus of the Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce?

THE ELEVENTH HOUR

It is never too late to mend and it is never too late to attempt by one means or another to step up food production. There is still time to patch up corn crops that are too thin and to top-dress those that will stand up to a little more nitrogen. Weeds such as charlock, which rob the people's bread, must be liquidated: let us spray. Having done all we can to ensure a full loaf, let us make equally certain of winter milk.

This means saving as hay or silage all the grass we can, and growing full crops of kale and mangolds with which to supplement our hay and reinforce our oat straw. Winter is not over for the dairyman when the buds begin to burst. For him winter truly "lingers" and "chills the lap of May." He must contrive, therefore, to have reserves of fodder for the hungry period before the grass comes. Mangolds are the crop most relished at that season, indeed they are the farmer's best stand-by for periods of short growth right through the summer. Now that so much pasture has been broken up and arable has first call on fertilisers, gluts of grass are not likely to be so common as formerly. Nevertheless, there may still be times after rainy spells when grass is surplus to immediate requirements. Grass growth not utilised is liable to go to waste. We must try to save it as hay or silage.

To step up the yields of mangolds, kale and grass, nitrogen is the most effective agent, and since lodging is not to be feared the dressings may be liberal. Further, they may be spread without wastage over the whole season of growth. But demands for sulphate of ammonia are heavy, so use it wisely.

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FIRE GUARD CHANGES

RAMSGATE RE-ORGANISATION PLANS

Big changes are to be made in the Ramsgate Fire Guard organisation.

The Minister of Home Security has decided on a new plan to ensure close working arrangements between the Fire Guard and the National Fire Service, the main responsibility for reporting night-time fires during alerts to the N.F.S. being transferred to the Fire Guard.

This part of the plan will apply only during alerts in the period half an hour before until half an hour after black-out. At other times the present methods for summoning N.F.S. assistance—through the wardens' service—will be continued.

The South Eastern Regional Commissioner has asked Ramsgate Council to prepare and submit to the Regional Office, after consultation with the N.F.S. Divisional Officer, full details of the new Fire Guard arrangements, since it is proposed to bring the scheme into operation on 1st June.

The report of the Fire Guard Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, stated:

"The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell), as Fire Guard Staff Officer, has proceeded in consultation with the N.F.S. Divisional Officer to propound a plan, which has already received the informal approval of Regional Officers.

Seven Sectors.

"The Fire Guard Staff Officer has placed such plan before the committee in very great detail. Briefly, it provides for the division of the borough into seven Fire Guard sectors, each of which for Fire Guard operations will be under the control of a Fire Guard Sector Captain (unpaid), and for the sub-division of each sector into street party areas under Party Leaders (unpaid) in residential districts, and into blocks under Block Leaders in business premises districts. In each sector there will be a Fire Guard sector point to which Fire Guard Party Leaders in residential areas or Block Leaders in business premises areas will send for Fire Guard reinforcements and for N.F.S. assistance. Business premises Fire Guards will continue to carry out their duty at the premises at which they work or to which they have been directed by the local authority, subject, however, to direction from the Fire Guard Sector Captain in certain eventualities.

"The committee appreciate that the preparation of the plan has involved the Fire Guard Staff Officer and his staff in a good deal of work, and they have expressed their pleasure at the result.

"The committee recommend that the plan as now submitted by the Fire Guard Staff Officer be approved, and forwarded to the Regional Commissioner."

Instructions received in connection with the plan involve the abolition of existing ranks and the redisposal of officers under other ranks or titles, with increases of basic rates of pay in certain cases.

Salary Increases.

If the plan is approved the salary of the Fire Guard Officer (Mr. G. E. Baker) will be increased from £300 to £350 per annum and Messrs. S. J. Miller, A. H. Cashmore, A. Turner, A. C. E. Fitchew, A. Sears, M. E. Nash and A. Mills, whose present salaries range from £4 1s. to £4 18s. 6d. a week, will become Fire Guard Area Officers at salaries of £5 13s. 6d. a week.

When the recommendations, which were approved, came before the Council on Thursday, Councillor W. G. Love suggested that the duties of Fire Guard Sector Captains, who were mainly business men who had to earn their livings and give up a night's sleep each week, should be taken on by the full-time personnel whose salaries were being increased.

Councillor Love suggested, that the matter should be referred back for further consideration.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe): You can't do that. It is a Government scheme and we have got to abide by it. The scheme is applicable to the whole country and not to Ramsgate only. I know some of you think these fellows are getting a good rise. They are, but they have a great deal more work to do than you realise.

In reply to a further question, the Mayor said the whole of the salaries ranked for grant.

NOMINATIONS INVITED

FOR RAMSGATE COUNCIL VACANCIES

Ramsgate Town Council have decided to invite nominations to fill casual vacancies on the Council.

All candidates are to be invited to attend a meeting of Council in committee in support of their candidature.

Mr. D. M. Hughes, secretary of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, has submitted his name as a candidate for a vacancy and Mr. J. H. Robinson and others have submitted the name of Mr. A. T. Grummant.

RIGHT TO EXPECT HELP

RAMSGATE COUNCIL FINANCES

RATE REMAINS UNCHANGED

But for special Government assistance Ramsgate this year would have to face a rate of 32s. 8d. in the £.

Although the net requirements of the Council are up by nearly £12,000, the Council on Thursday were able to make a rate of 15s. 3d. in the £—the same as for last year.

For the part of St. Lawrence Extra and the parish of Minster which lays within the borough the rate also remains unchanged at 10s. 3d. in the £.

It is estimated that special Government assistance will amount to approximately £96,765 equivalent to a rate of approximately 16s. 7d. in the £.

The necessity for a continuance of the special assistance for a period after the war in order to assist the town to return to normal was emphasised by Alderman J. J. White, chairman of the Finance Committee, in moving the adoption of the estimates.

£10,000 Up.

The total requirements for the purposes of the Council for the year 1943-44 amounted to £169,569, as compared with £159,734 the previous year—an increase of approximately £10,000, said Alderman White. This increase was due in the main to increases in the amount required for education, highways, the harbour, and to meeting an anticipated deficiency in respect of the water undertaking.

Alderman White said there was a reduction in the education estimate the previous year due to unspent balances and he warned the Council at the time that there would be an increase of about £10,000 this year.

It was more than likely that during the coming year there would be further applications for increases of salary and he wished to suggest to the committees that if they made recommendations for increases they should be for the duration only, when they could be considered without detriment to the people concerned. While salaries did not amount to a very high percentage of the amount the Council had to spend, they loomed very largely in the minds of the ratepayers.

The amount required by the Council at 5s. 8·65d. represented an increase of 7·65d. in the £, and it was estimated that the cash proceeds to be paid over to the County Council on this account would be £31,579. The general Exchequer grant receivable by the Corporation payable under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1929, remained at £21,295.

The net requirements of the Council and the precepting authorities amounted in total to £180,352, as compared with £168,402 the previous year. The penny product was estimated to yield approximately £460, and in the ordinary course the requirements would involve a rate of 32s. 8d. in the £.

Government Help.

The members of the Council were aware of the terms and conditions under which financial assistance was available from the Central Government, and in asking the Council to levy a rate of 15s. 3d. in the £ it was estimated that financial assistance amounting to £96,765 would be receivable from the Ministry of Health—equivalent to a rate of approximately 16s. 7d. in the £.

"The Council will, of course, desire," continued Alderman White, "that I should express appreciation of the assistance which has been forthcoming from the Central Government since 1941, but I think it advisable to place on record that representations have been made—and will continue to be made as opportunity occurs—to the Central Government that financial assistance must be continued for at least a limited period after the cessation of hostilities.

"It is, I know, the considered view of members of the Council that authorities in the coastal belt of south-east England merit special consideration because of the particular hardship that has been occasioned owing to their geographical position. Many local authorities in other parts of the country have been in receipt of financial assistance because of the loss of rate income due to the damage or destruction of rateable hereditaments by enemy action.

Effect of Education.

"As members are aware this has not been the only reason which has made this town dependent on financial assistance from the Central Government; the policy of the Government in inviting and encouraging voluntary evacuation and the permanent ban upon the entry of visitors to this part of English coast have played an important part in creating the present financial situation, and it cannot be too strongly impressed upon the Government that if there is to be an early restoration of the prosperity which the town was enjoying immediately before the outbreak of hostilities those who have left must be encouraged to return."

It was, of course true to say, continued the alderman, that no Government at the present time could give any assurance as to what action was likely to be taken after the cessation of hostilities because it was obviously impossible to estimate, even approximately, the measure of its potential commitments, but steps must be taken to impress continually upon the Central Government the need for special consideration in order that the claims of the south-east towns should not be overlooked or forgotten when the proper time arrived.

Suffered in National Interest.

"The financial administration after the war will need more than thoughtful and careful consideration," said Alderman White. "It may take a number of years to get back to anything approaching normal and the Council must be ever ready to take whatever steps may be advisable to ensure that the local ratepayers are not unfairly handicapped in comparison with those residing in towns more favourably situated. In company with other towns on the south-east coast, Ramsgate has suffered in the national interest and I do not think it too much to suggest that the town has the right to expect to receive from national funds such financial

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SWEET DID THE TRICK

IMMUNISATION ON YOUR DOORSTEP

One afternoon last week a large green and yellow furniture van moved at walking pace along West Dumpton-lane, Ramsgate, and drew up at the clearing in front of the Council housing estate.

The rear doors opened up, the tailboard was let down and a short flight of steps set against the back to connect the floor of the van with the ground. One expected a patent medicine man to take his stand at the top of the steps, exhort the little crowd that had collected to "roll up" and tell them "I've got a li'l article here . . ."

But it was not that sort of van. Lined inside with galvanised iron, the vehicle contained a hospital trolley loaded with bottles, two or three chairs and a desk at which a charming young lady was busily engaged with a pile of forms. The diphtheria immunisation van had arrived, staffed by the School Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) and three nurses.

This novel feature of the campaign against one of the deadliest of childhood's diseases has been introduced so that children who live in outlying districts can be safeguarded against its perils. Immunisation has been conducted for a long time at the Newington-road Health Centre, but parents who live in such places as Dumpton have found it difficult to take their children there.

Prejudice Removed.

The fact that these parents have not been dissuaded from having their children vaccinated through old-fashioned prejudice was proved by this more or less experimental trip. True the van did not produce immediate results on its arrival, for the few people and the little band of children who first gathered round regarded it with some diffidence. After a few minutes, however, one brave little girl "started the ball rolling."

Lifted into the van, she smiled down at her admiring playmates while Dr. Walker made the painless injection in her right arm. The "operation" was all over in a few seconds and before stepping down again the little girl was given a sweet by a nurse.

It was that sweet that did the trick. The word went round very quickly and within a few minutes a large crowd of kiddies was clamouring round the back of the van, so that Dr. Walker must have felt like the Pied Piper. One by one the boys and girls ascended those steps and came down happily eating a sweet. Those who had previously received their first "dose" went up for their second, and one little lad was quite indignant because he couldn't have a third. Another caused quite a bit of amusement by handing up his dog, but Dr. Walker politely informed him that he didn't vaccinate animals.

Altogether 21 children received injections and Dr. Walker intends to visit other outlying districts on one afternoon each week. A loudspeaker van will be sent round the previous day to inform parents of the time the vehicle will arrive.

The Health Centre is, of course, still open for the vaccination of children who do not live at such a long distance from it.

BETWEEN TWO STOOLS

BUS SERVICE DIFFICULTY

Following receipt of a petition presented to him by residents in the Pegwell and Chilton districts, the Regional Transport Commissioner authorised the East Kent Road Car Co. to divert services 66 and 87 via London-road and Nethercourt-circus instead of via Grange-road and St. Lawrence.

The Road Car Co. have now received a petition from residents in the Cliffs End district asking that the services shall be reinstated along their original route so as to provide bus facilities between the Cliffs End district and a point near to Ramsgate station or the shops at St. Lawrence. The company have asked for the views of the Council on the matter.

The report of the Watch Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, stated "Since the diversion took place it has come to the committee's knowledge that travel arrangements made for school children by the Education Committee with the company were affected by the diversion. At the same time, the committee understand that the diversion is appreciated by a number of business people resident at Pegwell and Chilton. With the object of arriving at a solution which will satisfy the interests of all concerned, the committee have requested the chairman (Alderman A. E. Petley) and the appropriate officers, including the Secretary of the Education Committee, to discuss the matter with the company and report."

The diversion of services 49 and 49a along Newington-road is to be continued for an indefinite period.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT

AIR THRILLS AT KING'S

With "Wings for Victory" on everybody's lips, the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, offers an appropriate film to-day and to-morrow.

Pat O'Brien, Glenn Ford and Evelyn Keyes star in "Flight Lieutenant," a splendid new drama of America's power-diving pilots. It is an exciting story of a forgotten man of the air who gives his all for a hero of to-morrow. The film pays equal attention to the development of American aeronautics, to the father and son theme which provides the picture with human interest and to the heart-stirring romance between Ford and Miss Keyes, seen as the daughter of a man for whose death he is solely responsible. "A Desperate Chance," featuring William Gargan and Margaret Lindsay, is the supporting film.

The stars of "The Maltese Falcon" return to the screen in "Across the Pacific," another adventure thriller, which is being shown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Reuniting Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor and Sydney Greenstreet, the film pits Bogart against a ruthless band of would-be saboteurs who plan the destruction of the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal. As a former captain in the United States Army from which he was dishonourably discharged, Bogart boards a Japanese vessel headed for Yokohama and meets with thrilling adventure.

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help by way of grant as may be necessary to assist in restoring it to its previous position as a popular health resort."

The adoption of the estimate, which was carried unanimously, was seconded by Councillor P. Turner, who paid tribute to the work of the Borough Treasurer (Mr. H. Oliver Jones) and his staff.

COLE—EASTER

ST. LAWRENCE WEDDING

Two employees of the Ramsgate branch of a multiple grocery store were married at St. Lawrence Church on Saturday.

They were Ldg.-Acm. Norman John Cole, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cole, formerly of 20 Wilfred-road, Ramsgate, and now living at Basingstoke, and Miss Lilian Gladys Easter, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Easter, of 65 Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate.

The bridegroom was an assistant at the King-street premises of the International Stores until joining the R.A.F. in July, 1941, and the bride is still employed there as cashier.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of powder-blue crepe marocain, with brown hat and shoes, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and pink carnations. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Ann Oliffe, who was attired in a rose-pink crepe marocain dress and her bouquet was of pink carnations.

The Rev. F. H. V. Fordham (curate of St. Lawrence) conducted the service, which included the hymn "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and Mr. Leonard J. Cole (brother of the bridegroom) was best man.

A reception was afterwards held at the Foresters' Hall, Meeting-street, and Mr. and Mrs. Cole later left for their honeymoon at Dartford, the bride travelling in a floral dress and camel coat.

LUPINI—EDIS

POSTMASTER'S DAUGHTER WEDS

Only daughter of Mr. W. Edis, M.B.E., head postmaster at Ramsgate, and Mrs. Edis, of Fletton Lodge, Durlock-avenue, Miss Barbara Edis was married at St. Lawrence Church on Saturday.

The bridegroom was Mr. Clifford Lupini, second son of Mrs. Lupini and the late Mr. Stephen Lupini, of Kyle House, Woodchurch, Cardiff.

Educated at Hunts County Secondary School, Fletton, Peterborough, the bride afterwards entered the postal service, where she remained until last March, working at Peterborough and Ramsgate. Just over a year ago she took an appointment with the Public Assistance Board at Tunbridge Wells.

Given away by her father, she wore a dress of turquoise blue crepe and headdress of the same colour ornamented with rose pink flowers. Her bouquet was of pink roses. Mrs. Edis was attired in a navy and pale blue floral silk dress with navy blue accessories.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Roundhill (Vicar of St. Lawrence), assisted by the Rev. R. Petty, Vicar of Sellindge, near Ashford, a friend of the bride's family. Mr. W. G. Taylor, of Totteridge, Herts., brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man, and Miss J. E. Waters played the organ, the hymn "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us." being sung.

The church was tastefully decorated in pink and white, and Mr. Edis' fellow churchwarden, Mr. E. Spencer Payne, performed the duties of usher.

Following the ceremony about 50 guests attended the reception at St. Lawrence Parish Hall, at which the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. Roundhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lupini, who received a large number of useful presents and congratulatory telegrams, left to spend their honeymoon in Longdon, the bride travelling in a tailored coat of turquoise blue tweed with silver grey accessories.

The newly-married couple will reside in Tunbridge Wells.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISHIONERS

ATTEND INDUCTION OF REV. C. R. FARNSWORTH

The Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, until recently Vicar of Ramsgate, was inducted and instituted Vicar of St. Luke's, West Norwood, on Saturday.

The impressive ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Woolwich (Dr. Lang) and the Rural Dean, and Mr. Farnsworth, during his institution, rang the church bell.

Ramsgate parishioners present at the service included Mr. E. A. Knight and Mr. S. C. Holthouse (churchwardens of St. George's), Mrs. Knight, Miss L. Foreman, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. W. Smith, Miss Spinner and Miss P. Mann. Mr. A. J. Taylor, a former churchwarden of St. George's, and Mrs. Taylor, who are now living at Thornton Heath, were also in the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth received a great welcome at the tea held afterwards in the parish hall.

Several Ramsgate people attended Mr. Farnsworth's first service as Vicar of his new parish on Sunday morning.

Mr. Farnsworth is the second Vicar to leave Ramsgate for a living in the Southwark diocese, his predecessor, the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, going to Redhill.

The date of the induction of the new Vicar of Ramsgate, the Rev. G. Bennett, has not yet been fixed, and the Rev. C. A. Peacock, C.B.E., a retired Army chaplain, of Margate, is conducting the services at St. George's during the interregnum.

A THOUSAND GUINEAS

THANET GIFT TO SILVER THIMBLE FUND

Thanet is the first district in Great Britain to raise sufficient money to endow a bed at the Empire Memorial Hospital, Malta.

Following a concert at Lausanne Central School, Margate, on Sunday, the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) handed to Miss Hope Clarke, O.B.E., founder of the Silver Thimble Fund, a cheque to complete the Thanet donation of a thousand guineas to endow a hospital bed on the George Cross island.

DEATH OF ACM. J. E. BROUGH

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. O. Brough, of 36 Allenby-road, Ramsgate, who have received news that their son, Acm. 1 J. E. Brough, R.A.F., died, following a short illness, at the general hospital, Midnapore, India, on 3rd May.

Acm. Brough, who was 21 years of age, was an old boy of St. Augustine's School, Ramsgate, and joined the R.A.F. in June, 1941. He went overseas about a year later.

Mr. and Mrs. Brough have another son, Pte. Pat Brough, serving overseas with the Queen's Royal Regiment.

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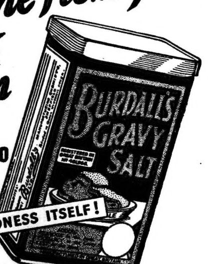

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PAPER SALVAGE

COUNCIL TO OPERATE THEIR OWN SCHEME

Ramsgate Town Council have terminated as from yesterday the arrangement with Ramsgate Council of Social Service for the collection of salvage and waste paper through the Works Department, and are disposing of the paper themselves.

In recent years waste paper, after preliminary sorting by the Works Department employees has been transported to the Council of Social Service depot, where it has been sorted, baled and wired, and despatched to the mills by labour employed by the Council of Social Service. The Council of Social Service have paid to the Council the sum of 3s. per load for transport.

This arrangement, stated the report of the Works Committee, presented at a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, had involved the Council in some expense, whereas, during recent years at any rate, the Council of Social Service had been able to operate the scheme at a profit.

Proposals were put forward by the committee for a continuance of the arrangement on terms more favourable to the Council, but the only arrangement which the Council of Social Service were prepared to agree to was an increase from 3s. to 5s. per load for transport. The Works Committee felt that this increase alone would not put the arrangement on an equitable basis in view of the prevailing market prices for waste paper and the extent to which the Council of Social Service had recently benefited under the arrangement.

The Council of Social Service intimated that if their offer to increase the payment for transport was not accepted they wished to terminate the existing arrangement.

The committee recommended that the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) be authorised to take all necessary steps to salvage and dispose of, on the best possible terms, all waste paper collected through the Works Department, and for this purpose to acquire by purchase or hire one or more baling machines.

SEVEN DAYS LEAVE

MOON AND SIXPENCE AT ODEON

Bubbling with mirth and music, "Seven Days Leave," co-starring Victor Mature and Lucille Ball, heads the bill at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The story revolves around the efforts of a young soldier to win himself a fortune and a wife, both under difficulties. With only a few days to accomplish before his regiment sails overseas, he gets all mixed up with the terms of a freak will, two girls between whom he has to choose, and a group of Army friends determined to help him through his troubles. Two great dance bands contribute to the entertainment. "Moonlight in Havana," starring Alan Jones and Jane Frazee, is also being shown.

A film version of the famous Somerset Maugham novel, "The Moon and Sixpence" is the chief feature for the latter part of the week. It tells an unusual story about an unusual man, a wealthy banker who abandons his family and society in order to become an artist. Charles Strickland, played by George Sanders, is the hero of the film, and when he defies the world in which he was born, his travels and adventures resolve into a kaleidoscope of colour and movement and sharp contrasts. Herbert Marshall and Doris Dudley are also in the cast. The supporting programme will include "Lady Bodyguard," with Eddie Albert and Anne Shirley.

BEATEN IN COUNTY FINAL

Margate met Gravesend and Sheppey in the county final of the south-eastern regional casualty services competition at Canterbury on Sunday, and came second to Gravesend, who meet the winners of Sussex and Surrey in the regional final.

Last year Margate won the competition after a tie in the county final with Tunbridge Wells.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 10.22 p.m.—5.29 a.m.
Wednesday	. 10.24 p.m.—5.28 a.m.
Thursday	... 10.26 p.m.—5.26 a.m.
Friday	... 10.27 p.m.—5.24 a.m.

THE FOOD FRONT

SWEDES WITH A DIFFERENCE

Swedes are friendly things. They go very well with all other vegetables, they are excellent in savoury puddings, pies and stews, delicious with grills and very good with roasts.

They can be boiled or baked, served diced, sliced or mashed. The juice of raw swedes is rich in Vitamin C.

Here are some simple but attractive and appetising ways of serving swedes you may like to try. All the quantities are for four portions.

Ragout of Swede.

1½lbs. of swede
2lbs. of mashed potato
Some parsley sprigs and a small piece of thyme
1 desertspoonful of sugar
1 tablespoonful of vinegar
1oz. of dripping or cooking fat
1oz. of flour
2 meat or vegetable cubes
Some finely chopped parsley

Peel the swede and cut it into quite small dice. Cook it until tender in ½ pint of slightly salted water, with the parsley, thyme, meat cubes, sugar and vinegar. When tender, strain the swede, take the parsley and thyme from the stock.

Melt the fat, stir in the flour and cook for a minute or two. Gradually stir in the savoury stock in which the swede was cooked. When the sauce is thick and smooth, put back the vegetable and simmer for 5 minutes.

Make a border of mashed potato, pour the swede and sauce into the centre and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

If there should be any left, mix with it a slice of corned beef, and use as a filling for savoury turnovers.

Curried Swedes with Sausages.

1lb. of swede
1oz. of margarine or dripping
1 dessertspoonful of flour
1 dessertspoonful of curry powder
1 dessertspoonful of sultanas
2 spring onions
1 teaspoonful of sugar
About 2lbs. of mashed potatoes
1lb. of sausages

Chop the swede very small and cook in just enough water to cover it. Grill the sausages with the extra fat, then dish them up and keep them hot.

Cook the finely sliced onion in the hot fat, add the curry powder, flour, sugar and sultanas. Mix together smoothly, then add the cooked swede and its liquor. Stir and cook over a low heat until the sauce is very thick. Pour it over the sausages and serve with mashed potato.

Other Suggestions.

Cut the swede into very thin fingers and bake with the potatoes round the meat.

Use equal quantities of mashed swede and potato to top a shepherd's pie.

Mix 1lb. of well mashed swedes with 2 level tablespoonsful of dried egg, and 1 tablespoonful of melted margarine. Season with pepper and salt, pour into a greased piedish, and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes. Cover the top with grated cheese and put back for 5 minutes.

Serve saute kidney or liver, or mince in the centre of a large dish ringed with mashed swede, spinach, and mashed potato.

Mix equal parts of chopped and pounded raw swede and honey, and give to soothe a sore throat or cold.

"I should wish to make it clear that anti-Semitism is plainly contrary to the spirit of the Gospel and that therefore Christians ought to unite in resisting it to the utmost of their power, both in themselves and in any whom they can influence."—The Archbishop of Canterbury.

A HAPPY HOME LIFE

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RAMSGATE

WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

SPECIAL CONCERT

to be given at the

WEST CLIFF THEATRE

on

To-morrow (WEDNESDAY) MAY 12th

Arranged by **The National Fire Service**

Under the patronage of His Worship the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Div.-Officer L. G. Denne, and other Officers of the N.F.S.

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Stage Manager: **L/Fm. C. F. CASTLE** (P.T.)

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West Cliff Theatre, Thursday, May 13th

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RAMSGATE'S FLYING START

MESSAGE DROPPED FROM THE AIR

WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

Six Mustangs of No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron, swooping down to rooftop height and making tight turns over the exhibition building, stole the thunder at the opening of Ramsgate Wings for Victory Week on Saturday.

No. 2 A.C. is Ramsgate's own squadron and the squadron leader, in a daring dive, dropped the following message on the roof of Littlewood's:

"Best wishes to Ramsgate for Wings for Victory Week from the Commanding Officer, officers and airmen of its affiliated squadron."

Wings for Victory Week and the R.A.F. exhibition, the finest ever staged in Ramsgate, was to have been opened by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., Under-Secetary of State for Air, but unfortunately he was unable to get back to England in time. Only the previous day, from a hilltop in Tunisia, Capt. Balfour watched the R.A.F. blasting a way for the entry of the victorious Allied forces into Tunis and Bizerta.

Air Vice-Mshl. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding No. 16 Group, Coastal Command, deputised for Capt. Balfour.

During the evening it was announced that the day's total towards the target of £125,000 was £50,671.

A festive atmosphere was created by a parade through the town during the morning. Headed by the band of The Buffs, the famous East Kent Regiment, the procession was composed of a detachment of the Royal Air Force Regiment, a number of armoured fighting vehicles, and a detachment of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Particularly striking was the smart marching by the W.A.A.Fs.

Guard of Honour.

High street was thronged with people some time before the exhibition was due to open and they were entertained by the band of The Buffs, which played from an enclosure on the forecourt.

Headed by their band, a contingent of the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps, under Plt.-Off. Shanahan, marched smartly up the street and paraded in front of the exhibition.

Air Vice-Mshl. Baker was accompanied by the Mayor when he inspected the cadets.

Among those accompanying the Mayor on the platform at the exhibition were the Mayoress, Capt. Howard, R.N., Wg.-Cdr. Raphael, Sqn.-Ldr. Houseman, commanding No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron, and Alderman W. Hawkins, vice-chairman of Ramsgate Savings Committee.

Introducing the Air Vice-Marshal, the Mayor said that day they were setting out on yet another effort to help win the war. Ramsgate had never yet been beneath its target and that had been brought about in large measure by the efforts of the small investors. He wanted to appeal to them once again to do their best to help beat yet another target.

The Mayor said they were particularly pleased that day to welcome Sqn.-Ldr. Houseman and members of No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron, which had been affiliated to Ramsgate for some years past. The war had prevented them from entertaining them sooner.

Wonderful News.

The object of the week was to provide more Wings for Victory. Had it not been for the R.A.F. they would not have heard so soon of the capture of Tunis and Bizerta. That was wonderful news and by contributing their savings the people of Ramsgate could help to produce even better news.

The Mayor paid a special tribute to

PROPHECY COME TRUE

At the opening ceremony Air Vice-Mshl. Baker quoted the following poem written in Latin by Thomas Gray in 1737:

The time shall come when thou shalt lift thine eyes
To watch a long-drawn battle in the skies,
While aged peasants too amazed for words
Stare at the flying fleets of wondrous birds.
England, so long the mistress of the seas,
Where wind and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear
And reign the sovereign of the conquered air.

Mr. W. E. C. Vincent, Deputy Town Clerk, who was responsible for organising the exhibition.

Declaring the week open, Air Vice-Mshl. Baker said Wings for Victory Week was an important civic function designed to aid each locality, as a locality, to play its full part in the national task of financing the war. In Britain they valued personal initiative and individual performance of duty, but they knew that to get the best results there must be team work.

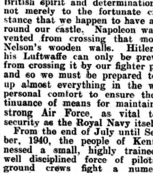
Success in such a week depended not only on team work. It was in itself a grand testimonial to the British way of doing things—one of the finest pieces of propaganda that Britain could have. The Germans knew quite well what British war savings meant, and the fact that people in bombed towns so often increased their savings after every attack was one of the proofs afforded to the enemy and the Allies alike that the British spirit could not be broken by air raids.

There was a national pride, said the Air Vice-Marshal, in the growing weight of the Allied air offensive, and there was local pride in reaching or surpassing a target chosen locally. There was a personal pride in driving oneself to do everything possible of one's own free will to smash the enemy. In their headlong flight from Egypt the Germans experienced from the air something of the treatment they themselves inflicted upon helpless refugees in France and Poland. It was up to them, with the great impulse of the week, to see that the Axis was made to gulp more and more of its own medicine until its appetite for cruelty and conquest was finally destroyed.

Ruling the Air.

"To-day," said Air Vice-Mshl. Baker, "we must rule the air if we are to win. We ruled it in 1918. We can rule it again to-day and show that British invincibility is due to British spirit and determination, and not merely to the fortunate circumstance that we happen to have a moat round our castle. Napoleon was prevented from crossing that moat by Nelson's wooden walls. Hitler with his Luftwaffe can only be prevented from crossing it by our fighter planes, and so we must be prepared to give up almost everything in the way of personal comfort to ensure the continuance of means for maintaining a strong Air Force, as vital to our security as the Royal Navy itself."

From the end of July until September, 1940, the people of Kent witnessed a small, highly trained and well disciplined force of pilots and ground crews fight a numerically superior and very efficient enemy to a standstill. They were, in fact, watching the Royal Air Force stopping the rot which was spreading over the face of Europe and which threatened to engulf the British Empire in final ruin. It gave to this country immedi-



ate security against invasion and opened up once more to the world the prospect of a German defeat. There were monuments to these pilots springing up all over the country to-day in the shape of sign-posts on the roads, so hastily removed in their hour of danger and now, he was thankful to say, being replaced. The church bells ringing out the previous Sunday also proclaimed that the Battle of Britain was not fought in vain.

Confidence in Victory.

"Now," continued the Air Vice-Marshal, "when we see the steady growth of our armed strength, backed by your money, and the flow of American reinforcements that are reaching our shores, let us thank God that the efforts of those brave men have made this increase possible and that we can look forward with ever growing confidence to ultimate victory."

The latest fighter flew higher and faster than those that fought in the the swiftest and highest flying fighter Battle of Britain, and was in fact in the world. It had destroyed German stratosphere reconnaissance aircraft at over 40,000ft.—nearly 7½ miles above the earth. It out-gunned and out-fought the newest German Focke-Wulf 190. The power of its engines was double that of those used in the Battle of Britain. The latest fighter was their answer to the German challenge for performance at heights, and it was something "worth saving for."

The victory in Libya and the great news they had received that day—a turning point in the war—was made possible by superiority in air power. In saying this he did not under rate the work of the Navy and the Army, the convoys to Malta or the tanks and infantry in the desert. The point was that without overwhelming air power all those would have been unavailing. Given air-power, they proved irresistible. In backing and strengthening the Air Force they backed and strengthened every other service. That was why they must fill the sky with Wings for Victory.

A vote of thanks to Air Vice-Mshl. Baker was proposed by Alderman Hawkins and seconded by Wg.-Cdr. Raphael, and Sqn.-Ldr. Houseman conveyed to the people of Ramsgate the best wishes of No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron.

Enormous Progress.

Prior to the opening the Mayor presided over an informal luncheon at Clarendon House.

In addition to Air Vice-Mshl. Baker and other service officers the guests included Councillor A. W. Thomson, chairman of Margate Savings Committee, Councillor H. Noble, Chairman of Broadstairs Council, and Flt.-Lt. A. R. Spratling and F/O F. A. Burgess, of the Air Training Corps.

Responding to the toast of the Royal Air Force, proposed by the Mayor, Air Vice-Mshl. Baker said he was happy to deputise for Capt. Balfour, who at that moment was probably watching the boys of the Royal Air Force putting up such a magnificent performance in Tunisia.

He had had the honour of serving in the Royal Air Force since its beginning and previously he served with the Royal Flying Corps. During that time he had seen enormous improvements.

The Air Vice-Marshal went on to compare the aircraft of the last war and this. At the beginning of the last war they had 20 aircraft and they finished up with 20,000. Following the war there was a lull and then they began building up again. The R.A.F. budget for the year 1936 amounted to £16,000,000, whereas now they were spending £16,000,000 a day on the war.

Air crews and ground crews there were in plenty. "All we ask is that you should give us the machines and then we will finish the job," concluded the Air Vice-Marshal.

The Exhibition.

Never has Ramsgate had such a fine opportunity of seeing, in practical form, the wonders of science that make efficient air war possible as that presented by the R.A.F. exhibition at Littlewood's Stores. One comes away from the show filled with a sense of awe at the astounding advance of aviation and the intricate, fascinating instruments it has brought in its train. Photos of the old pioneer "crates" afford a striking contrast to the mighty bombers and gracefully lined fighters of the present day, and as we go round the exhibition we can see and examine some of the complicated devices that form part of our modern craft.

Perhaps the most intriguing is the bomb release apparatus built in the centre of the floor. In case you thought that the bomb aimer, on reaching his target, just presses a button and away go the bombs, this exhibit will enlighten you. True enough, he does press a button, but there's more to it than that. Fixed to this stand, which is built as a steel skeleton framework for convenience of showing, is a large panel of small instruments of the type which faces the bomb aimer in the plane itself. In the centre of the panel are 16 switches—just like those you use for the electric light—and these are connected by wires to the bomb racks.

Before the plane reaches the target the bomb-aimer presses down the switches operating the bombs he desires to drop. He then turns his attention to an artful gadget at the right side of the panel—a small dial containing a mass of numbers representing the speed of the plane and the distaces at which the bombs will fall apart. The dial is set as required and everything is then ready for the release of the bombs. A touch on the release button and a lever set above the dial swings over a semicircle of electrical contacts.

Wooden Bombs.

As each is touched by the lever so the bomb rack with which it is connected releases its load. If the bombs are to fall a fair distance apart the lever, naturally, moves over slowly, and if a salvo is to be dropped more or less in one spot it travels swiftly and touches the contacts almost simultaneously. All these operations are seen on the demonstration apparatus, wooden models being used in place of bombs.

The valuable work in saving airmen shot down in these waters which is carried out by the Air-Sea Rescue Service receives honourable attention in the show. Many a pilot owes his life to the men who have gone out from the south-east coast in the high-speed lanches in answer to his "May Day" call over the radio. The exhibits do not include one of the launches but much of their equipment is shown, including first-aid kit and a Neil Robertson stretcher which is invaluable on the sea. In this section of the exhibition housewives are particularly interested in the self-heating tins of soup which are always carried in the "larders" of the launches. When a small wick in the top of the tin is ignited the soup is heated to boiling point within five minutes.

Various types of dinghies—British and German—are on show, and members of the R.A.F. on duty there demonstrate how quickly these can be inflated. They are each fitted with a cylinder of compressed gas and on reaching the sea the pilot who has baled out simply turns the tap and his "boat" rapidly materialises from a small pack. There are larger dinghies made on the same principle for bomber crews.

Mines and Torpedoes.

"Mines were laid in enemy waters" is a phrase we often hear on the radio, probably fondly imagining them to be large spheres similar to the mines sown by ships. In actual fact, as one exhibit shows, they are huge cylinders. The mine on view lies next to a gigantic torpedo of the type which Swordfish aircraft use with such deadly effect.

The contribution of a south-eastern aerodrome to the exhibition is a show of electrical installations including radio receivers and transmitters, while on another part of the floor we can watch the tricky task of packing a parachute. Guns of various types are, of course, on exhibition, in addition to cameras, incendiary bombs and flares.

At the far end of the hall is an entertaining and instructive stand on which pictures of 18 different aircraft are shown in circular panels. You pick out a plane which you decide, for instance, is a Lancaster. Below the pictures is a series of buttons—one for each plane—and as each is pressed the appropriate picture lights up.

All patrons, particularly the more youthful among them, are enjoying themselves in the huge, deadly-looking Frazer-Nash gun turret, which is power driven.

On The Target.

We are all familiar with the pictures in the daily papers and on the screen of the day and night activities of the Royal Air Force but no one who views the thrilling exhibition will fail to be staggered by the extent to which enemy targets have been crippled over a long period.

"R.A.F. on the Target," a collection of 50 photographs varying in size from 6ft. by 4ft. to 3ft. by 3ft., is astonishing and gratifying when we consider the damage that German raids have done to this country. Visitors to this travelling show often ask how the damage to enemy towns compares with that caused by the blitz on places in Britain. As an example the biggest tonnage of bombs dropped on Britain in one night was something less than 500, the target being London, whereas, in one raid on Cologne Bomber Command dropped 1,500 tons in 90 minutes. And the area of Cologne is about one-fifth that of London.

The first photograph explains how to read the bomb damage in the pictures which follow. There are, of course, two kinds of damage—that caused by fire from incendiaries and that resulting from blast from high explosives. A honeycomb effect, consisting of black hollow squares and oblongs, is brought about by the burning out of whole blocks of buildings. The roofs are missing and the outside walls are left standing enclosing more empty spaces, the rectangle being partly in shadow.

In a number of pictures are noticed a queer white dot stippling. In some cases these white dots are produced by the sun shining through holes where windows have been blown out. Greyish white patches in the photographs show the effect of high explosives which levelled whole blocks of buildings and in all probability most of the adjoining premises are total wrecks inside although in some cases their roofs appear undamaged.

Lubecked.

Walking round the photographic show we come first of all to three pictures of Lubeck. An area of over 1,500 square yards in the centre of the city is seen destroyed or damaged, the Central Electric Station, the Market Hall and the Reichbank are completely gutted and scarcely a building in the whole area retains its roof. Of particular interest in this group is a photo of the effect of one 4,000lb. bomb.

The submarine and naval dockyards at Wilhelmshaven next claim attention and the complete gutting of the armour plate shop in the Marinewerft shipyards can be plainly seen.

The terrific damage inflicted on Emden and Rostock, where the whole of the town centre was gutted, form the subject of the next three pictures, and we continue on to a series of six photographs depicting the effect of the famous 1,000-bomber raid on Cologne. They show an interesting comparison of the scene before and after the visit of the R.A.F. One of them was taken four months after the raid which took place on the night of 30th-31st May, 1942, and shows that Cologne was then still being cleared up. Reconnaissance pictures show the damage to be heavy and widespread in all parts of the city and in the industrial area it is estimated that more than 250 factory buildings and workshops were destroyed or seriously damaged.

The Gneisenau, severely crippled by bombs, was taken to the Polish port of Gdynia to escape further bombing by the R.A.F. Picture 15 shows the ship at Gdynia with a turret removed and two being dismantled.

When R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft flew over Dusseldorf on 11th September last, the day after the heavy night attack, much of the town was still obscured by smoke but photographs taken later revealed that heavy damage had been caused. One picture on view shows the main railway station damaged by an extremely heavy bomb.

Attacks on Shipping.

Other photos show in fine detail the effect of raids on such places as Karlsruhe, Bremen, the Renault works in Paris, Poissey, Le Havre, Le Creusot, Lorient, Genoa, and, in the Middle East theatre of war, Benina aerodrome, Benghazi harbour and an aerodrome at Tunis. There are thrilling pictures, too, of air attacks on enemy submarines and on an enemy supply ship laden with supplies for Rommel by torpedo-carrying Beauforts operating from Malta.

Personnel of the R.A.F. are in constant attendance to answer any questions put by visitors, and film shows are being given by the Vicar of St. Lawrence (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill) each evening at 7 and every afternoon at 3.30.

A most important stall at the exhibition is the savings centre at which stamps can be bought and enwhich stamps can be bought and all forms of investment made.

The W.V.S. are again to the fore and are in charge of two bomb cases on which the public are invited to stick savings stamps. The bombs will eventually be dropped on an enemy target.

Arrangements for the show were capably made by the Assistant Town Clerk (Mr. W. E. C. Vincent) in his capacity as exhibition organiser.

Each evening at 6.30 the Mayor is announcing the progress towards the target. The announcement is followed by a short talk from a member of the R.A.F. engaged in operations against the enemy.

Model Competition Winners.

A feature of the exhibition is a model aircraft competition, for which 36 entries, all cleverly executed, were received from local residents.

Wg.-Cdr. G. Raphael, D.S.O., D.F.C., who judged the models, admitted that he had a difficult task, and mentioned in particular the excellent craftsmanship in those made by youths under 16.

With one exception all the prizes were won by Ramsgate people. The results are:

Class I (under 16)—1, Christopher Pottle, 66 Thanet-road; 2, Derek Giraud, 38 Cannonbury-road; 3, Arthur E. Cullen; 2 Wheatley-road; 4, Peter Heritage, 19 Dane Park-road.

Class II (residents not members of forces)—1, L. D. Miller, 8 Herbert-road; 2 and 3, D. H. Prestedge, 69 Edith-road.

Class IV (models other than from designs supplied by the Wings for Victory Week Committee)—1, L. D. Miller, 8 Herbert-road; 2, P. Davies, 3 Kent-place; 3, P. B. Sutherland, Ladywood, Maynard-avenue, Margate; 4, Cpl. W. F. Birch, A.T.C., 4 Montague-road.

Spotting Competition.

A novel spotting contest in which competitors are asked to identify aircraft is running throughout the week.

Thirty models are displayed and those taking part are given ten minutes to study them, writing their answers on a form which is supplied for an entrance fee of 3d. Members of the forces are given five minutes in which to view the models.

Prizes are offered for the highest aggregate marks obtained in the sessions, which are from 6 till 8 p.m. each day until Friday. The competition is under the direction of P/O H. Jennings, of the Thanet Squadron, A.T.C.

An attractive indicator board has been erected over the old Town Hall and from it one can see the progress of investments.

At the exhibition at seven o'clock on Thursday evening Mr. Leslie Hogbin will auction a number of valuable gifts to help meet the expenses of organising the week.

For a few days before the auction the gifts will be on view in the window of Messrs. Gittings' old premises in Queen-street, and Mr. Hogbin is prepared to accept bids by proxy.

Great credit for the success of the arrangements is due to Mr. H. E. Wright and Mr. H. H. Prestedge, joint hon. secretaries of the local savings committee.

Entertainments.

One of the features of the week will be a grand concert to be presented at the West Cliff Theatre to-morrow.

A first-class show is promised by the organiser, Mr. F. J. Warden, and one outstanding item will be a visit from Tunbridge Wells of a party of youthful singers. Most of them are members of Cranbrook School choir and the head choirboy, Bernard Warden, son of the organiser, will be remembered for the solo he sang at St. George's Church on Easter Day. Mr. Alex Rush, the leader of the party, and Mr. Owain Davies, the pianist, are both Old Cranbrookians. The latter is now a student at the Royal Academy of Music.

Bdr. S. H. Bor, formerly of the B.B.C., who is already well-known to Ramsgate audiences, will again be heard playing violin solos, and xylophone solos will be contributed by members of the Royal Air Force. The N.F.S., Boy Scouts and the Royal Artillery are all taking part in the programme and Mr. H. V. Betts will also appear.

Flt.-Lt. Sabel, R.A.F., formerly known to radio listeners as Robert Linton, will compere the show.

Organised by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), a Wings for Victory Week ball is being held at the West Cliff Theatre on Thursday. Music will be supplied by an R.A.F. dance band.

Baseball at Chatham House.

The week will give local residents the chance of seeing two star teams playing America's national game, baseball.

A match will be played between the U.S. Army Air Force and the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Chatham House grounds on Thursday, commencing at 3 p.m.

The teams are to include Sgt. G. Knowlton, a Ohio State University player, and Sgt. H. Jenkins, of the Boston Braves, and for the benefit of those not conversant with the rules of the game a commentary and explanation will be given by Lt. H. Stribling, brother of Young Stribling, the famous boxer. Lt. K. Herbster, an ex-American University coach, will umpire the match.

Arriving at Ramsgate railway station at 11 a.m., the 24 players will be welcomed by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and officers of the National Fire Service, who are entertaining the Americans during their stay in the town. They will attend the ball at the West Cliff Theatre in the evening and leave Ramsgate the following morning.

A FINE OPPORTUNITY

Best wishes for the success of the week were expressed in telegrams to the Mayor from Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air, and Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

They were as follows:

"My best wishes for Ramsgate's Wings for Victory Week. By reaching your target you have a fine opportunity to show gratitude for what the R.A.F. has done and is doing. The task facing them calls for the very best machines that we can give them. These cost money. You now have a chance to provide that money and by so doing to speed our final victory.—Archibald Sinclair."

"National savings have played a vital part in sustaining the war offensive. I look confidently to Ramsgate's Wings for Victory Week to increase still further our national resources. By spending as little as possible on ourselves and lending all we can to the country we can make Wings for Victory a triumphant reality.—Kingsley Wood."

"WINGS FOR VICTORY"

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R.A.F. Recruiting Office, Burtons Buildings, High Street, Chatham.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

Colgate.—8th May, at 2 Coleman-crescent, Ramsgate, to Dorothy, wife of Henry George Colgate, a son (Alan Derek).

Faulkner.—1st May, at 12 Connaught-road, Margate, the wife of Ernest Faulkner, of a daughter.

Tabrett.—4th May, at Margate, the wife of John Tabrett, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Cole—Easter.—8th May, at St. Lawrence Church, by the Rev. F. H. V. Fordham, Ldg.-Acm. Norman John Cole, R.A.F., to Miss Lilian Gladys Easter, both of Ramsgate.

Lupini—Edis.—8th May, at St. Lawrence Church, by the Rev. J. H. Roundhill and the Rev. R. Petty, Barbara, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edis, of Fletton Lodge, Durlock-avenue, Ramsgate, to Clifford, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Stephen Lupini, of Kyle House, Woodchurch, Cardiff.

Padget—Hart.—2nd May, at St. John's Church, Margate, William Francis Padget, of Margate, to Ivy Daisy Hart, of Walthamstow.

Stead—Prout.—10th May, at Ramsgate Register Office, E/R/A Eric John Stead, R.N., only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stead, of 11 Belmont-road, to Patricia Yvonne Prout, only daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Prout, of 2 Hatfield-road.

Tumber—Maggs.—3rd May, at St. Mary's Church, Newbury, Berks., Capt. Leslie Alan Tumber, R.E., of Birchington, to Betty Maggs, of Newbury.

DEATHS

Brough.—3rd May, at Midnapore General Hospital, India, Acm. 1 John Edward Brough, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Brough, of 36 Allenby-road, Ramsgate, aged 21 years. Deeply mourned.—R.I.P.

Fagg.—1st May, Joseph Richard Fagg, of 185 High-street, Margate.

Harmes.—3rd May, at Ramsgate General Hospital, after a short illness, John Frederick, darling baby son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Harmes, of 6 Rosebery-avenue, Ramsgate, aged 8½ months.

Young.—4th May, at Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, Bernard Edward Young, of Glenbervie, All Saints'-avenue, Margate.

IN MEMORIAM

Birch.—In revered and loving memory of our dear mother, Emily Olive Birch, who passed peacefully away 8th May, 1940.—From her sons and daughter.
—Highfield, Dumpton Park-drive, Ramsgate.

Elson.—In loving memory of our darling Pearl Audrey Elson, who passed away 11th May, 1942.—From Mum, Dad and Sisters Joan and Joyce.

No stain was on her little heart, sin had not entered there,
And innocence slept sweetly on her pale white brow so fair.
She was too pure for this cold earth, too beautiful to stay,
And so the angels bore our darling one away.
—136 Margate-road, Ramsgate.

Penney.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. A. Penney, who passed away 6th May, 1938. Ever in our thoughts.—Son and daughter.
—7 Buckingham-road, Margate.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Harmes wish to give thanks for the many kindnesses shown in their recent bereavement, and to the many friends who sent flowers.
—6 Rosebery-avenue, Ramsgate.

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In an hour's non-stop variety at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, the Royal Air Force boys and girls showed that they can entertain as well as do a more serious job.

The band was first-class, full of life and good melody, and the three W.A.A.Fs who sang made a great hit.

Robert Linton, of the B.B.C., now Flt.-Lt. Sabel, R.A.F., was a breezy compere and introduced the items with some witty and appropriate stories.

The show was opened by Flg.-Off. Carter, R.A.F., an officer of No. 2 (A.C.) Squadron, who referred to the pride the squadron felt at its association with Ramsgate and emphasised the great importance of Wings for Victory Week.

With one exception the whole show was put over by members of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. The exception was Mr. H. V. Betts, who recited with fine expression the inspiring poem "Can We Forget?" which he has written in honour of the gallant few who saved the country during the Battle of Britain. Mr. Betts is making a local name for himself with his dedicatory verses and he will be heard several times this week delivering his latest effort.

His was a serious but pleasing interlude in a light-hearted programme of music and song. Ldg.-Acwm. Pam Turner, Acwm. Eileen ("Darkie") Bowers and Ldg.-Acwm. Joan Heaton earned much applause with their vocal numbers, and the comedian of the show was Acm. Fred Jones as a female impersonator.

The band, led by Acm. Harry Strain, was composed of Acm. Vincent Crowley (pianist), Gordon Forsyth (saxophone and trumpet), Alf Bell (drums) and Bert Chaney (guitar).

Worn Tyre.—At Margate police court on Wednesday John Dennis White, of Monkton-road, Minster, was summoned for using a car with a tyre on which the fabric was visible, and his father, John Henry White, was summoned for permitting the car to be used. The elder defendant said he took the car to a garage to have a wheel repaired. The garage promised to let him have it back the next day but it did not arrive. In the meantime he ran on the spare tyre, which wore through. The case against the younger defendant was dismissed and the father was fined 10s.

Savings.—For the week ended 1st May, national savings in Broadstairs amounted to £811, comprising £559 deposited in the Post Office savings bank, £237 in savings certificates and £15 in defence bonds.

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